

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/7/2019 4:05:56 AM

First name: Karen

Last name: Johnson

Organization:

Title:

Comments: am writing to strongly recommend that you protect the assets of the Custer Gallatin Natuonal Forest for our children, grandchildren and all future generations. Once the wild nature of an area has been lost to development it can not be regained. Every time we punch a needless road through a forest we are stealing from the citizens who will come after us.

Although we live in western Montana we make a point of visiting all parts of the state. The Pryor Mountains in particular were a hidden gem for us, and we will be returning as much as possible. When we travel to Montana forests, parks and wilderness areas we spend money in the surrounding communities. After visiting the Pryors we purchased meals, gas, lodging, groceries and gifts for friends. Tourists, even Montana tourists, bring in money.

It is very important to us that we lose no more wild places. They are vital for our nation's identity and future. They are a savings account for our future Americans, not a wasted asset. Keep the wilderness areas we have now, and strengthen the rules to keep wilderness study areas roadless and free of vehicles.

Thank you for your time. Karen Johnson.